

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please amend the specification as follows:

2. Please replace the paragraph [0036], with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] As best shown in Figure 3B, holding member 212 has two sidewalls 302A, 302B (collectively and generally referred to as side wall(s) 302). In the illustrative embodiment, the cross-sectional shape of holding member 212 has a region 312A in which sidewalls 302 are substantially parallel with each other. Holding member 212 tapers in width 306 for a portion of its height 218 away from body 202 of carrier member 200, defining a tapered region 312B. In one embodiment, vertical region 310A constitutes between about 20% and 80% of height 218 of holding member 212. In one preferred embodiment, vertical region 312A ~~region 310A~~ constitutes anywhere between about 40% and 60% of height 218 of holding member 212. In a further embodiment, vertical region 312A ~~region 310A~~ constitutes approximately 50% of height 218 of holding member 212. It should be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art that in such a region 312A ~~region 310A~~, sidewalls 302 of holding member 212 may be substantially parallel or parallel.

3. Please replace the paragraph [0044], with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] Specifically, extension arm 410 is adjustable to secure or release holding member 408 to tube 400. When extension arm 410 is in a position closest to holding member 408, retaining member 414 compresses the wall of tube 400 against holding member 408 to maintain holding member 408 in a stationary position during use. Conversely, when extension arm 410 is in a position farthest from holding member 408, retaining member ~~members~~ 414 releases the wall of tube 400 enabling a user to reposition holding member 408 along longitudinal slot 402, as shown by arrow 416, and/or along lateral slot 404, as shown by arrow 418. In addition to adjusting holding member 408 to a desired location in slots 404, 402, holding member 408 may also be rotated to about an axis 422, as shown by arrow 420. In operation, holding member 212 may be translated ~~rotated~~ around the circumferences of carrier member 200 to a desired position that suits the surgeon implanting the prosthesis. Still further, holding member 212 may be slidably mounted

to carrier member 200 and so be adjustable in position along at least a portion of the length of the carrier member.

4. Please replace the paragraph [0054], with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] Holding member 212 may be configured to be manipulated by either or both the fingers of a surgeon as well as by suitable surgical tools. Such tools include, but are not limited to, forceps or tweezers, hooks, clamps and suction tools, and others now or later developed. Such a configuration ensures that carrier member 200 may be used by any surgeon irrespective of whether that surgeon prefers to handle the carrier member by hand or with a tool during an implantation procedure. It should also be appreciated that the configuration of holding member 212 may be such that it is suitable for a particular application, surgical procedure, application and the like.

5. Please replace the paragraph [0055], with the following amended paragraph:

[0055] Embodiments of the depicted carrier member 200 may also be insertable using an insertion tool (not shown). Such an insertion tool supports carrier member 200 and assists in delivering electrode array 205 of the carrier member to the insertion location. One insertion tool particularly well-suited for use with certain embodiments a carrier member of the present invention is described in International Application No PCT/AU03/00229, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein. Such embodiments of the present invention are directed to ensuring that the carrier member is shaped in such a manner where the carrier member may easily be adapted for use with such a tool. Figure 5 is a perspective view of a insertion tool cartridge 500 of the above-noted insertion tool. In the embodiment illustrated in Figure 5, support member 214 is configured to extend through a slot 502 in cartridge 500 when carrier member 200 is placed within the tool. Such an arrangement results in carrier member 200 being operatively installed in the insertion tool with support member 214 extending through slot ~~the slot~~ 502, and the remaining portion of holding member 212 being located external to the cartridge. Such an embodiment facilitates the implantation of an electrode array 104 that is electrically connected to simulator unit 106 via lead 108 with no electrical connectors therebetween.